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Magnetism of Mixed Bismuth-Boron Oxides. 209 Bi NQR of Bi $_3$ B $_5$ O $_{12}$ in External Magnetic Fields.

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Previously unknown magnetism, presumably similar to that found in Bi₄Ge₃O₁₂ [1], exists, as evidenced by ²⁰⁹Bi NQR, in mixed bismuth-boron oxides of compositions 2:1 (I), 3:5 (II) and 1:3 (III). The ²⁰⁹Bi NQR spectra of single crystal Bi₃B₅O₁₂ (II) were studied in weak external magnetic fields $0 < H_{ext} < 500$ Oe. The number of components in observed spectral patterns at least twice exceeded that in conventional Zeeman-perturbed spectra, and the intensities of spectral lines showed strong orientational dependence. At certain orientations of the crystal (II), drastic oscillations of the integral intensity of the spectra were for the first time observed as H_{ext} increased from 0 to 100 Oe, which is an evidence of strong influence of external magnetic field on the electronic system of the bismuth oxide-based compounds . At least four magnetically nonequivalent Bi positions, two per each crystallographically nonequivalent Bi sites, are identified by $^{209}\text{Bi NQR}$ in $\text{Bi}_3\text{B}_5\text{O}_{12}.$ Similar nonequivalence exists, according to the results of preliminary ²⁰⁹Bi NQR studies, in oxides (I) and (III). [1] V.G. Orlov, E.A. Kravchenko, "New magnetic phenomena in Bi-based dielectrics", Physica B 259-261, 564 (1999); E.A. Kravchenko, Yu.F. Kargin, V.G. Orlov, T. Okuda, K. Yamada, "Local ordered magnetic fields in bismuth dielectrics. ²⁰⁹Bi NQR in Bi₄Ge₃O₁₂ single crystal", J. Magn. Magn. Mater. 224, 249 (2001).